

Dear FCC;

I feel it would not serve the amateur community very well to have inexperienced novice/tech operators operating in the band area which is definitely above their operating experience. These amateurs need to gain the knowledge of operating in this portion of the band which is set aside just for that reason. As they gain experience and knowledge, then they will upgrade and be able to use the portion of the bands they are seeking. We don't need another CITIZENS BAND in the amateur bands. That is basically all that Mr. John S. Rippey is after, an easy way to expand his bands without any effort or gained knowledge. Please I ask you to not allow this to happen. Please leave some value in earning an amateur license. I wouldn't trade my experiences I gained as a Novice licensee, nor will I forget them.

Sincerely,

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